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## REMARKS

Claims 17-24 remain in the application and their allowance is respectfully accepted by the Applicant. Therefore, all other pending claims, specifically claims 1-16 and 25-84, have been cancelled.

The Applicant also wishes to make of record an informal telephonic interview conducted with Primary Examiner Savage. More specifically, on November 5, 2003, in response to the receipt of the final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, the undersigned attorney contacted Primary Examiner Savage and generally discussed all claims in view of the Applicant's previous response and in view of the final Office Action. No agreement with respect to any of the unallowed claims was reached in this informal telephonic interview.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

> Respectfully submitted, **HOWARD & HOWARD ATTORNEYS**

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